

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3077–S3147

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 869–887, S. Res. 105–106, and S. Con. Res. 19. **Pages S3124–25**

Measures Considered:

Iraq Resolution: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 9, to revise United States policy on Iraq.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 89 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 74), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution. **Page S3085**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all time during the adjournment of the Senate and morning business on Thursday, March 15, 2007, be counted against the time post-cloture under Rule XXII. **Page S3147**

R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse—Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 399, to designate the United States Courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse”, and the bill be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. **Page S3147**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total–74) **Page S3085**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:00 a.m., and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2007. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3147.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the United States Army, after receiving testimony from Pete Geren, Acting Secretary, and General Peter Schoomaker, Chief of Staff, both of the United States Army.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine federal funding for the No Child Left Behind Act, after receiving testimony from Margaret Spellings, Secretary of Education; Deborah Jewell-Sherman, Richmond Public Schools, Richmond, Virginia; Jane Babcock, Keokuk Community School District, Keokuk, Iowa; John F. Jennings, Center on Education Policy, and Gene Wilhoit, Council of Chief State School Officers, both of Washington, D.C.; and Robert E. Slavin, Johns Hopkins University Center for Data-Driven Reform in Education, Baltimore, Maryland.

2008: BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee met to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2008 budget for the Federal Government, but did not complete consideration thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine charting a course for health care moving toward universal coverage, after receiving testimony from James J. Mongan, Partners HealthCare, and Richard G. Frank, Citizens' Health Care Working Group, both of Boston, Massachusetts; Stuart H. Altman, Brandeis University Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Waltham, Massachusetts; and John F. Sheils, Lewin Group, Falls Church, Virginia.

EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine strategies to end the violence relating to extrajudicial killings in the Philippines, after receiving testimony from Eric G. John, Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and Jonathan D. Farrar, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor Bureau, both of the Department of State; T. Kumar, Amnesty International, USA, and G. Eugene Martin, United States Institute of Peace, both of Washington, D.C.; Elizer M. Pascua, United Church of Christ in the Philippines, Manila; and Marie Hilao-Enriquez, Alliance for the Advancement of People's Rights in the Philippines, Quezon City.

ISLAMIC RADICALISM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the threat of Islamic radicalism to the homeland, focusing on preventing and countering radicalization, after receiving testimony from Michael Chertoff, Secretary, Charles E. Allen, Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Chief Intelligence Officer, and Daniel W. Sutherland, Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, all of the Department of Homeland Security.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG USER FEES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine enhanc-

ing patient access and drug safety relating to Prescription Drug User Fees, including S. 484, to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve drug safety and oversight, after receiving testimony from Andrew C. Von Eschenbach, Commissioner, Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Kim Witzak, Woodymatters, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Mark McClellan, American Enterprise Institute-Brookings Joint Center for Regulatory Studies, and Diane Edquist Dorman, National Organization for Rare Disorders, both of Washington, D.C.; and D. Bruce Burlington, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Collegeville, Pennsylvania.

OPEN GOVERNMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reinvigorating the Freedom of Information Act relating to open government, focusing on S. 849, to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), after receiving testimony from Katherine M. Cary, Texas Office of the Attorney General, Austin; Tom Curley, Associated Press, New York, New York, on behalf of the Sunshine in Government Initiative; Meredith Fuchs, George Washington University National Security Archive, Washington, D.C.; and Sabina Haskell, Brattleboro Reformer, Brattleboro, Vermont.

SENATE CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE PARITY ACT

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 223, to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form, after receiving testimony from Senators Feingold and Cochran; Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the United States Senate; Patrina M. Clark, Staff Director, Federal Election Commission; and Thomas E. Mann, Brookings Institute, and Stephen R. Weissman, Campaign Finance Institute, both of Washington, D.C.